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TITLE: Portable remote patient telemonitoring system

Brief Summary Text (14):

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Bornn et al. describe a portable physiological data monitoring/alert system in U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,784,162; 4,827,943; 5,214,939; 5,348,008; 5,353,793; and 5,564,429 in which one or more patients wear sensor harnesses including a microprocessor which detects potentially life-threatening events and automatically calls a central base station via radiotelemetry using a radio modem link. In a home or alternate site configuration, communications between the base station and remote unit is by way of commercial telephone lines. Generally, the system automatically calls "911" or a similar emergency response service when an abnormality is detected by the ECG monitor.

Detailed Description Text (227):

The user selects a patient case and establishes a connection with the appropriate base station <u>unit</u> 30. Failure to connect should be reported immediately. Conditions likely to cause failure are: 1) base station <u>unit</u> 30 turned off or not connected, 2) patient is not <u>wearing</u> a disposable sensor band 10 (data not available), 3) phone line is busy, 4) all user phone lines are busy downloading other patient sessions, and 5) the signal transfer <u>unit</u> 20 is out of range of the base station <u>unit</u> 30 (or in catch-up mode). The monitored data is displayed in a real time, smooth scrolling display. When disconnected from the base station <u>unit</u> 30, the user may go to the review downloaded data section to analyze the session just downloaded.

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